

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim ~~50~~ and amend the claims as follows. Changes made to claim 24 are shown on the "Marked Up Version of the Amended Claim."

B4 24. (Amended Once) A method for preparing, a factor VIII solution that is free of viruses and devoid of vWF (von Willebrand factor) and factor VIII-vWF complexes, comprising:

(a) obtaining a starting factor VIII solution devoid of factor VIII-vWF complexes; and

(b) filtering said solution through a hydrophilic virus filter, wherein the virus filter has a mean pore size of 15 ± 2 nm.

B5 31. (Amended Once) Method according to claim 28, wherein the Ca^{2+} ion is added in the form of a CaCl_2 solution 0.35 M to saturation.

B6 36. (Amended Once) A method according to claim 25, wherein the starting factor VIII solution devoid of factor VIII-vWF complexes is obtained by ion exchange chromatography.

B7 38. (Amended Once) A method according to claim 36, wherein the starting factor VIII solution devoid of factor VIII-vWF complexes is obtained by ion exchange chromatography, and wherein at the end of the ion exchange chromatography, the starting factor VIII solution devoid of factor VIII-vWF complexes is eluted under the conditions of the disassociation of the factor VIII-vWF complexes.

B8 41. (Amended Once) A method according to claim 24, wherein the starting factor VIII solution is treated with an effective amount of an anti-viral solvent or detergent, or both.

B9 46. (Amended Once) A method according to claim 24, wherein the concentration of the starting factor VIII solution is from approximately 2 to approximately 100 U/ml.

47. (Amended Once) A method according to claim 47, wherein the concentration of the starting factor VIII solution is approximately 10 to approximately 50 U/ml.

48. (Amended Once) A method according to 24, wherein the protein content of the starting factor VIII solution is approximately 0.05 to approximately 0.5 mg/ml.

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49. (Amended Once) A method according to 49, wherein the protein content of the starting factor VIII solution is approximately from approximately 0.1 to approximately 0.5 mg/ml.
